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SUBJECT: GROC SORTING OUT CIVAIR PROBLEMS

1. SUMMARY: ROC CAA CHIEF TOLD EMBASSY APRIL 23 THAT GROC ACCEPTS FULL RESPONSIBILITIES AS MEMBER INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION COMMUNITY AND WILL NOT DISRUPT JAPANESE ACCESS TO TWO RYUKYU ISLANDS LOCATED WITHIN TAIPEI FIR. HE CLAIMED NO PROBLEMS CAL FLIGHTS VIA GUAM. SAID NO LIKELIHOOD OF PRIVATE ROC/JAPAN AIR CARRIERS PICKING UP SLACK AND PROMISED IMMEDIATE ACTION ON FOREIGN CARRIER REQUESTS FOR EXTRA FREQUENCIES JAPAN, TAIPEI. END SUMMARY.

2. DIRECTOR GENERAL GROC CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION (CAA), MAO YING-CHU, TOLD EMBOFFS APRIL 23 GROC UNDERSTANDS ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC WITHIN ITS FIR AND FULLY SUBSCRIBES TO THE TERMS OF THE CHICAGO CONVENTION OF WHICH IT IS SIGNATORY. GOJ, HOWEVER, BY OHIRA'S STATEMENT WOUNDED NATIONAL DIGNITY OF ROC. GROC INITIATED ACTION, THEREFORE, TO WITHDRAW ITS PLANES FROM USE OF TOKYO FIR. RECIPROCITY REQUIRED THAT JAPAN DO LIKEWISE. DENIAL OF PASSAGE OF EACH OTHER'S AIRCRAFT IN RESPECTIVE FIR'S WAS MUTUAL DECISION
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SAID MAO, INVOLVING TWO COUNTRIES ONLY. HOWEVER, GROC WILL NOT ACT IN "UNCIVILIZED" MANNER AND WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY

RESPONSIBLE ROLE AS WORTH MEMBER INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION COMMUNITY.

3. ACCORDING TO MAO, JAPAN CAB (JCAB) REPS ARE CURRENTLY IN TAIPEI TO IRON OUT NEW TERMS REPLACING GROC/US 313TH AIR FORCE AGREEMENT PREPARATORY TO REVERSION OF OKINAWA FIR TO JAPAN ON MAY 15. (MAO DISAVOWED GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CHARACTER OF THEIR VISIT, SAYING NEGOTIATIONS WERE BETWEEN CIVIL AIR TECHNICIANS.) NEW AGREEMENT, ACCORDING TO MAO, WOULD DEVIATE LITTLE, IF ANY, FROM FORMER 313TH AF PACT. AGREEMENT WILL STATE GROC HAS NO INTENT DISRUPT "DOMESTIC" FLIGHTS OR GOJ ACCESS TO JAPANESE ISLANDS (ISHIGAKI SHIMA (SPLIT BY TAIPEI FIR) AND YONAGUNI (SPLIT BY TAIWAN ADIZ).

4. MAO DENIED THAT THERE ARE NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY NOR ARE LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN PRIVATE ROC/JAPAN CARRIERS TO PICK UP WHERE CAL AND JAL LEFT OFF. THIS, MAO ADMITTED, CONTRADICTED LOCAL RUMOR MILL AS WELL AS JAPANESE MEDIA WHICH ATTEMPTING TO REASSURE JAPANESE PUBLIC THAT RUPTURE IS ONLY TEMPORARY. IN ANY EVENT, "PRIVATE" ARRANGEMENT IS MISNOMER SINCE BOTH GOVERNMENTS MUST APPROVE AND REGULATE IT. GROC FONMIN HAS CONVEYED CONDITIONS ON WHICH RESUMPTION POSSIBLE; SINA QUA NO IS FULL RETRACTION OF OHIRA ASPERSIONS ON ROC FLAG AND NATION.

5. MAO CONFIRMED CAL FLIGHTS VIA GUAM HAVE, SO FAR, GONE SMOOTHLY, WITH ASSIST FROM MOBIL OIL IN SUPPLYING FUEL.

HE ACKNOWLEDGED AWARENESS OF PEAK HOUR PRESSURES ON GUAM AIRPORT AND SAID CAL IS PREPARED WAIT ITS TURN. HE WAS UNAWARE OF US NAVY/CAL AGREEMENT SETTING FREQUENCY OF CAL STOPS OR THAT AGREEMENT IS ONLY VALID UNTIL DEC 31, 1974. WE POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT 3 ADDITIONAL FREIGHT FLIGHTS WEEKLY--WHICH CAL HAS APPLIED FOR AND HOPES TO INAUGURATE IN JUNE--WILL MEAN 6 STOPS WEEKLY ABOVE FREQUENCY CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED.

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6. MAO SAID NW AIRLINES HAD FLOWN EXTRA TAIPEI/TOKYO FLIGHT APRIL 22. THE INVITATION ROC CAA HAS ISSUED TO SEVEN AIRLINES NOW FLYING TAIPEI/TOKYO ROUTE, TO PICK UP SLACK LEFT BY ABSENCE CAL AND JAL SERVICE, IS GENUINE. ALL SUCH REQUEST WILL OBTAIN IMMEDIATE TELEPHONE CLEARANCE. MAO ADMITTED THAT THERE COULD BE COMPLICATION IN THAT GOJ APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR ADDED FREQUENCIES INTO AND FROM JAPAN.
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